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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of : Ge Nong  
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For : SCALABLE TWO-STAGE VIRTUAL OUTPUT QUEUING  
SWITCH AND METHOD OF OPERATION  
Group No. : 2616  
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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

This communication responds to a Final Office Action dated September 3, 2008 in the above-referenced patent application, which has a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on December 3, 2008. The Applicant is filing this Amendment within two (2) months of the date of the Office Action. An advisory action is respectfully requested.

Please amend the application as follows: